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Attorney Docket No.: 15162/03270



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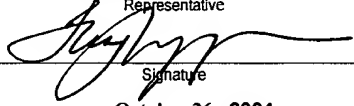
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U.S. Patent No.: 6,770,861 B2
Issued: August 3, 2004
From: U.S. Serial No. 09/782,706
Filed: February 13, 2001
For: IMAGE-SENSING DEVICE
By: Yoshio HAGIHARA

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
DUE TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ERROR

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for U.S. Patent No. 6,770,861 B2, issued August 3, 2004, for the purpose of correcting errors that occurred in the printing of the patent.

Attached in duplicate are Forms PTO-1050 (PTO/SB/44), with at least one copy of each being suitable for printing.

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The printing errors contained in U.S. Patent No. 6,770,861 B2 are set forth below along with an explanation as to the reasons for the errors:

The Patent and Trademark Office erroneously failed to include in issued U.S. Patent No. 6,770,861 B2, application claims 18, 19, 20, and 21 that were added by the Preliminary Amendment that accompanied Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2004.

The examiner allowed claims 18, 19, 20, and 21, as well as claims 4-6 and 10-16 (claims 4-6 and 10-16 do appear in the issued patent), in the Notice of Allowance dated March 29, 2004 (a copy of which is attached hereto).

The issued patent should contain all fourteen (14) allowed claims, not just the incorrect amount of ten (10) printed and contained in the patent.

Note that before issuance of the above-identified patent, the Patent and Trademark Office renumbered application claims 4-6 and 10-16 in the issued patent as follows:

Application claim 4 (an independent claim) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 1.

Application claim 5 (an independent claim) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 2.

Application claim 6 (an independent claim) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 3.

Application claim 10 (an independent claim) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 4.

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Application claim 11 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 10 (patent claim 4)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 5.

Application claim 12 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 11 (patent claim 5)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 6.

Application claim 13 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 10 (patent claim 4)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 7.

Application claim 14 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 10 (patent claim 4)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 8.

Application claim 15 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 10 (patent claim 4)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 9.

Application claim 16 (a dependent claim, which depends from application claim 10 (patent claim 4)) was renumbered and printed by the Patent and Trademark Office as patent claim 10.

Rightly, since the Patent and Trademark Office erroneously failed to include allowed application claims 18-21 in the issued patent, application claim 18 should be renumbered as patent claim 11, application claim 19 should be renumbered as patent claim 12 (which should depend from patent claim 11 since application claim 19 depends from application claim 18), application claim 20 should be renumbered as patent claim 13, and application claim 21 should be renumbered as patent claim 14.

The correct allowed claim texts for application claims 18-21 should be added to the issued patent as set forth herein and in the accompanying proposed Forms PTO-1050 (PTO/SB/44) and issue correctly as part of a Certificate of Correction.

[[18.]] 11. An image-sensing device comprising:
a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges, said plurality of color signals including a red signal, green signal and blue signal;
an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a detecting portion for respectively detecting each signal level of first and second color signals of the plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of a third color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and
a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal levels.

[[19]] 12. An image-sensing device according to claim [[18]] 11, wherein the first color signal is the red signal, the second color signal is the blue signal and the third color signal is the green signal.

[[20]] 13. An image-sensing device comprising:
a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges;
an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
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plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and

a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal level.

[[21]] 14. An image-sensing device comprising:

a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges;

an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;

a signal level detecting portion that comprises a plurality of integrator circuits and comparator circuits, wherein the integrator circuits are for integrating the color signals output from each pixel and the comparator circuits are for detecting a signal level of at least one color signal of the integrated color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the integrated color signals as a reference signal; and


a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal level.

The foregoing serious errors occurred in the printing of the patent, and thus constitute errors made by the Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, no fee is incurred for preparation of the proposed certificate of correction.

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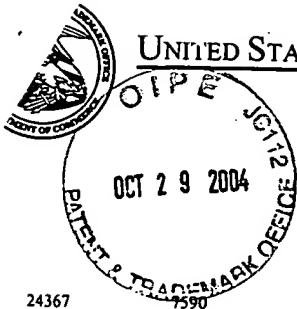
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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE-SENSING DEVICE

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/782,706

Examiner

Allen C. Ho

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HAGIHARA, YOSHIO

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 15 January 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-6, 10-16 and 18-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 February 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 4-6, 10-16, and 18-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 4-6 and 10-16, the reasons for allowance were set forth in the previous office action.

With regard to claims 18-21, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest an imaging-sensing device comprising an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to specific correlation among the color signals at intensity of illumination and a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal levels as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

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- (1) Suh (U. S. Patent No. 5,508,739) disclosed a white-balance adjusting apparatus and a method for a video camera.
- (2) Yamamoto *et al.* (U. S. Patent No. 5,481,302) disclosed a white balance adjustment apparatus.
- (3) Saito *et al.* (U. S. Patent No. 5,319,449) disclosed a white balance control device.

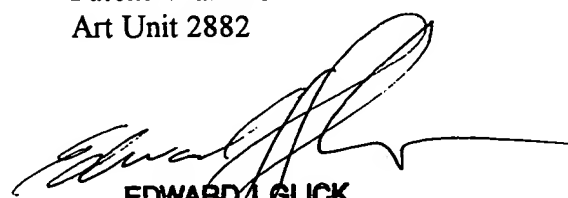
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen C. Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-2491. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward J. Glick can be reached at (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Column 18:

After the end of claim 10, insert the following:

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a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges, said plurality of color signals including a red signal, green signal and blue signal;
an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a detecting portion for respectively detecting each signal level of first and second color signals of the plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of a third color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal levels.--.

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After the end of newly added claim 11, insert the following:

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After the end of newly added claim 12, insert the following:

--13. An image-sensing device comprising:
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an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a detecting portion for detecting a signal level of at least one color signal of the plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and
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an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a signal level detecting portion that comprises a plurality of integrator circuits and comparator circuits, wherein the integrator circuits are for integrating the color signals output from each pixel and the comparator circuits are for detecting a signal level of at least one color signal of the integrated color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the integrated color signals as a reference signal; and
a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal level.-- .

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an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a detecting portion for respectively detecting each signal level of first and second color signals of the plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of a third color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal levels.--.

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Column 18:

After the end of newly added claim 11, insert the following:

--12. An image-sensing device according to claim 11, wherein the first color signal is the red signal, the second color signal is the blue signal and the third color signal is the green signal.--.

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After the end of newly added claim 12, insert the following:

--13. An image-sensing device comprising:
a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges;
an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a detecting portion for detecting a signal level of at least one color signal of the plurality of color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the plurality of color signals as a reference signal; and
a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal level.--.

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After the end of newly added claim 13, insert the following:

--14. An image-sensing device comprising:
a plurality of pixels for outputting a plurality of color signals natural-logarithmically proportional to amounts of light received in different color ranges;
an initial state setting portion for correcting the plurality of color signals output from each pixel according to a specific correlation among the color signals at an intensity of illumination;
a signal level detecting portion that comprises a plurality of integrator circuits and comparator circuits, wherein the integrator circuits are for integrating the color signals output from each pixel and the comparator circuits are for detecting a signal level of at least one color signal of the integrated color signals relative to a signal level of another color signal selected from the integrated color signals as a reference signal; and
a white balance adjustment portion for further correcting the plurality of color signals already corrected by the initial state setting portion according to the specific correlation among the color signals on the basis of the detection of the signal level.--.

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